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TO: Program Directors, Ohio Chartered Fire Training Institutions

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REF: Initial Firefighter Course Entrance Requirements

Per the Ohio Administrative Code, Firefighter I (OAC 4765-11-10 and -11), Firefighter II (OAC 4765-11-12), and Firefighter I and II (OAC 4765-11-12 and -13) courses shall meet all objectives in NFPA 1001.

Chapter 4 of NFPA 1001 *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, 2013 Edition, outlines the entrance requirements for a firefighter candidate prior to entering training to meet the requirements of Chapters 5 and 6 of the standard.

Tentative Interim Agreement 13-1 was effective 3/27/2013 and revises *Section 4.1(3) General* to read as follows:

- (1) Minimum educational requirements established by the AHJ
- (2) Age requirements established by the AHJ
- (3)* Medical requirements of NFPA 1582, *Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*.

The education requirements in (1) above are established by the chartered fire training program. The age requirements in (2) above are established in Chapter 4765-11-03(B)(19) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

With respect to (3) above, NFPA 1582 Chapter 6, section 6.1 Medical Evaluation states, "A medical evaluation of a candidate shall be conducted prior to the candidate being placed in training programs or fire department emergency response activities." Chapter 6 goes on to explain medical conditions that can affect a candidate's ability to safely perform essential job tasks shall be designated either Category A or Category B and what those categories mean.

As program directors, you are the AHJ of your chartered program and are therefore responsible to ensure that all firefighter candidates meet the requirements listed in Chapter 4 of NFPA 1001 prior to entrance into any initial firefighter certification course listed above.

Copies of NFPA 1001 Chapter 4 and TIA 13-1 are included for reference.

Please contact the Division of EMS Education Section at FireEducation@dps.ohio.gov or (614) 466-9447 with questions or concerns.

**NFPA 1001
Standard for
Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications
2013 Edition**

Chapter 4 Entrance Requirements

4.1 General. Prior to entering training to meet the requirements of Chapters 5 and 6 of this standard, the candidate shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Minimum educational requirements established by the AHJ
- (2) Age requirements established by the AHJ
- (3)*Essential Job Tasks of NFPA 1582, *Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*, Chapter 5, Subsection 5.1.1, as determined by the medical authority of the AHJ.

4.2 Fitness Requirements. Physical fitness requirements for entry-level personnel shall be developed and validated by the AHJ.

4.3* Emergency Medical Care. Minimum emergency medical care performance capabilities for entry-level personnel shall be developed and validated by the AHJ to include infection control, CPR, bleeding control, and shock management.

Tentative Interim Amendment
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Reference: 4.1(3)
TIA 13-1
(SC 13-3-13/TIA Log #1087)

Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications and the Correlating Committee on Professional Qualifications, and was issued by the Standards Council on March 7, 2013, with an effective date of March 27, 2013.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a public input of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

1. *Revise Section 4.1(3) General to read as follows:*

- (1) Minimum educational requirements established by the AHJ
- (2) Age requirements established by the AHJ
- (3)* Medical requirements of NFPA 1582, *Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*.

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Effective Date: March 27, 2013

(Note: For further information on NFPA Codes and Standards, please see

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